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1. at the aircraft factory in Poltava [REDACTED] Comment: Aircraft 25X1A
Factory No. 488) at present there are 8,000 workers. During 1947,
most of the old machinery was replaced with new equipment brought
from Germany and Poland. The archives of the construction section
of the Junkers factory in Poznan were completely moved to Poltava
and are being used in the construction of prototypes. In the
Poltava factories there are at present fifteen German engineers
and technicians, among whom are Dr. L. Sobrek from Junkers, Dessau.
 2. Since November 1947, the Poltava plant has begun the assembly line
production of airplane type "Peklo". This is a long-distance
pursuit plane which is 13.1 meters long and has a 7.25 meter
wingspread. Its armament consists of six 15 mm machine guns of Czech-
oslovak manufacture. Its maximum speed is 350 km and it uses a
jet motor.
 3. This plane was demonstrated for the first time on 7 February 1947
in Moscow. Previously, trial flights were held in airfields at
Kiev and Isnorrad (reported to be south of Klarkov).
 4. One of the first larger units to receive this plane was the "Rostov"
pursuit division or squadron, at present stationed at the large
Soviet Air Force training center at Kazan. It is being used to
accustom the pilots to the use of this new equipment. Other Soviet
Air Force units are receiving this type of plane as it becomes
available.
 5. Experiments conducted with a long-range bomber, type "Stepanik",
did not give the expected results. These flights were conducted
at the airfield in Kazan.

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